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TAGS: MTN, ETRD, GATT, EEC, FR

SUBJ: FRENCH VIEWS ON MTN

REFS: (A) GENEVA 10789, (B) AMB MCDONALD-MYERSON TELCON  
OF JULY 19

1. SUMMARY: DUTET OF THE ELYSEE STAFF REVIEWED WITH  
US IN GENERAL TERMS THE MTN OUTLOOK AS FRANCE SEES IT  
AFTER THE GENEVA FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE  
BONN SUMMIT. HE COVERED FRENCH CONCERNS IN PREDICTABLE  
TERMS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT CONCLUDE  
NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON THE OVERALL BALANCE OF THE GENEVA  
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DOCUMENT BUT INSISTED THAT THE FRENCH CONTINUE TO WANT  
A "SUCCESSFUL" NEGOTIATION. DUTET AVOIDED ANY CRITICISM  
OF U.S. NEGOTIATORS BUT DID MENTION FRENCH UNHAPPINESS  
WITH THE EC COMMISSION. END SUMMART.

2. ON JULY 26 MINECON HAD A PRE-VACATION TOUR D'HORIZON  
WITH ELYSEE ECONOMIC STAFF OFFICER DUTET. (HE IS MOVING

TO THE FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY TO BECOME DE MOREL'S  
DEPUTY.) DUTET REHEARSED THE, BY NOW, WELL-KNOWN FRENCH  
THESES REGARDING THE MTN FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING  
(REF A). APART FROM THE FINE POINTS ABOUT ITS LEGAL  
STATUS AND THE FRENCH INTERPRETATION OF THE BONN SUMMIT  
LANGUAGE, DUTET MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH MAY BE  
OF INTEREST:

A. THE GENEVA DOCUMENT IS "UNBALANCED" IN FRENCH EYES  
BECAUSE IT DOES NOT REFLECT SUFFICIENT PROGRESS ON  
POINTS OF INTEREST TO FRANCE. THE MAIN PROBLEM IS  
INSUFFICIENT SPECIFICITY ON NON-TARIFF MEASURES  
(INCLUDING, OF COURSE, A SELECTIVE SAFEGUARD  
CLAUSE).

B. FRANCE WOULD SIMPLY REFUSE TO LET THE COMMUNITY  
CONCLUDE THE MTN WITH THE BALANCE REFLECTED IN THE  
PRESENT DOCUMENT.

C. THE FRENCH BELIEVE THAT THE EC COMMISSION EXCEEDED  
ITS MANDATE; THIS IS OF COURSE AN INTERNAL  
COMMUNITY MATTER; BUT PARIS WILL WATCH MATTERS VERY  
CLOSELY THROUGHOUT THE FALL.

D. THE FRENCH ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF EVERYBODY APPLYING  
THE GATT RULES IN THE SAME WAY IMPLIES THAT THE  
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U.S. SHOULD NOT ASK OTHERS TO "PAY" FOR GIVING UP  
ITS SPECIAL STATUS WHICH DATES BACK TO THE BEGINNING

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OF THE GATT.

E. ON SUBSIDIES, GISCARD'S INTERVENTION AT THE SUMMIT  
MADE CLEAR AGAIN FRANCE'S VIEW THAT CAP  
"RESTITUTIONS" ARE NOT EXPORT SUBSIDIES IN THE  
USUAL SENSE OF THE TERM.

F. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING POINTS, THERE IS  
AGREEMENT THAT SOME GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN  
THE MTN AND HOPE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE  
CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY.

3. WHILE WE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO DEBATE WITH DUTET IN  
DETAIL, WE DID EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GENEVA  
FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT; SAID THAT IT WOULD OF NECESSITY  
CONDITION THE REMAINDER OF THE NEGOTIATIONS; AND  
POINTED OUT THAT WE, TOO, REQUIRE FURTHER PROGRESS ON  
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IMPORTANT POINTS -- INCLUDING AGRICULTURE -- BEFORE THE  
MTN CAN BE CONCLUDED.

4. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT, AFTER THE  
SUCCESS WE HAVE HAD IN GENEVA AND BONN, THE FRENCH ARE  
BOUND TO BE IN AN EVEN MORE DEFENSIVE MOOD THAN USUAL  
WHEN NEGOTIATIONS RESUME. THEY WILL GIVE US REAL  
TROUBLE THROUGHOUT THE FALL. WE FOUND DUTET LESS  
PRICKLY THAN EXPECTED, HOWEVER. HE CHOSE HIS WORDS  
CAREFULLY AND TOOK PAINS TO AVOID ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE  
CONSIDERED CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT CARTER, AMBASSADOR  
STRAUSS, OR THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM. END COMMENT.  
HARTMAN

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